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MURDER IS VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

SAY CHRISTINE MET DEATH AT HANDS OF UNKNOWN PARTIES

WITNESSES EXAMINED

But Now New Evidence is Presented at Hearing Last Night—Dr. Wallis Conducts Inquiry

At the coroner's inquest over the body of Charles H. Christine of near Shelbyville held last evening, the coroner's jury returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, at the inquest over the dead body fround on the Wabash right-of-way, near Long Branch, about one mile east of Bedison, on December 25, 1923, find it the body of Charles H. Christine, and that he came to his death by being murdered by party or parties to us unknown.

Signed: O. A. Petty, George Hartley, Will J. Montgomery, Arthur Garten, Frank Reavis and O. W. Swinford."

Only a few witnesses were examined and practically no new evidence was presented outside of what has already been printed.

The first witnes was John Leidy, Jr. living four and a half miles southwest of Ravenwood, who was at the depot in Conception Junction on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Leidy testified that a young man, about 25 or 26 years, and giving his name as Ed Farley and his home as Elmo, reported he had discovered a body of a dead man near Long Branch on the Wabash and said the man had on an army O. D. Mackinaw and blue overalls. Farley, Leidy said, reported this fact after he had at first requested where he could find a constable or an officer. Leidy said Farley remained at the depot until he caught the Great Western passenger No. 5 going south and appeared to be nervous. Farley purchased a ticket for St. Joseph.

John Price, the undertaker, told of being called to near Bedison after the body of Christine and what was found on his body and his wounds.

Leo Atherton, deputy sheriff, testified to going to Bedison after being notified by Deputy Sheriff Purcell of a body of a dead man being found near Bedison. He said it had been reported by the Wabash that two box cars on Wabash freight No. 95, going west, last Friday night, had been broken into and that there was one empty box car, the ninth car, on the train. The box car was located one coal car away from the box car which was broken into.

Ed L. Ferritor, Wabash agent here, said the paper containing blood stains which was on exhibit at the coroner's inquest was the paper that is used in lining box cars. He told about a report being made of the breaking into box cars on Wabash freight No. 95, last Friday night, being the train that Christine was supposed to be on when he was murdered.

R. E. Archer, Wabash section foreman at Bedison, told of finding pieces of paper on Saturday morning along the track containing what he thought were blood stains. Archer thought a person on the train would be able to see the body of the dead man at the foot of the fill, which he estimated to be about eighteen feet from the track.

Gabe Purcell, deputy sheriff, was the last witness, and said that there were four boys in the Farley family and that one of the boys was out on parole from the reform school and that others were known to the St. Joseph police but they were unable to find anything to connect them with. Purcell told of finding one shoe of the dead man, a pair of rubbers, his cap containing blood, and a knuckle pin about one foot long and weighing about seven pounds which was thought to have been the instrument which was used in killing Christine. These articles, Purcell said, were found west along the track from where the body was. Purcell said he was unable to find any signs where the dead man had rolled down the bank from the track and thought it might have been possible for the dead man to have been thrown from the door of a box car to the spot where the body was found lying face downward.

The paper containing blood stains, the man's cap, shoes, rubbers, and the knuckle pin, were on exhibit at the inquest.

The depositions of J. T. Christine, a brother and M. McIntosh, a brother-in-law of the murdered man, were read to the jury. They testified that the dead man was Charles H. Christine of near Shelbyville and that he had left his home on Thursday, December 20.

The inquest was conducted by Dr. F. C. Wallis, coroner, and the evidence was taken down by Miss Verna Kennedy, stenographer. The inquest was held at the Price Furniture Store.

Phipps Fails to Make Bond; Taken to Jail

O. A. Phipps, who was arrested at Blanchard, Ia., yesterday on a charge of passing a bogus check at an Elmo bank, appeared before Judge W. L. Johnson yesterday afternoon and his bond was fixed at $500, and his hearing set for January 4. Phipps, who gave his address as Tarkio, was unable to furnish the required bond and was taken to jail to await his hearing before Judge Johnson.

CHILD CRIMES ON INCREASE IN WEST

LADS, 13, BECOMING HIGHWAY ROBBERS, JUDGE SAYS.

SPEND TOO MUCH MONEY

Jurist Thinks Attempt To Keep Step With "Gang" Is Partly To Blame.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Juvenile infractions of the law are on the increase in Los Angeles, according to Judge Edward Hahn, who declares there are more juvenile cases on the court calendar at present than at any time during the last year.

According to Judge Hahn the offenses committed by those who come before him are growing more serious daily. Highway robbery charges against lads 13 years old are common and burglary by youths is on the increase. Boys of every walk and station in life pass through Judge Hahn's court every day—some to a new chance and some to probation under a suspended sentence, and others, who have had a chance, to the reform school.

"The chief trouble is traceable to glorification of the so-called 'two-gun-he-men,'" the judge said.

As an illustration he recited the case of a local boy who stole five automobiles in the course of a day when the lad decided to run away from home, and then, to get some ready money held up eight couples in a park.

"The child of today has too much money to spend," Judge Hahn said. "And in spending it they intimate the attitude of their parents in their disregard of the law."

The problem is explained from a sociological viewpoint by Dr. Miriam Van Waters, who is in charge of the department handling delinquent girls. Most of the cases which come to her attention are caused by a lack of understanding between the child and the parents, she explained.

"The old standards of life do not meet the new requirements and the younger generation unconsciously recognizes this and struggles against them," she asserted.

The only remedy is to develop an understanding insight in the child and then to build up a comprehensive insight in his inner life, Dr. Van Waters said.

Coming From Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gooden and daughter, Helen Marie, and Mrs. Gooden's mother, Mrs. Livasy, of Kansas City will motor here tonight to visit over New Year's with Mr. Gooden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Gooden, and other relatives.

Attend Matinee in St. Joseph

Among those who went to St. Joseph today for the matinee performance of "Lightnin" at the Lyceum Theater were Miss Anna Parle, S. M. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rickenbrode and Miss Frances Holliday.

Mrs. M. J. Quinlan and daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, of Gilman City, Mo., Mrs. Dora Clayton of Casper, Wyo., and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Clayton and sons of Ashland, Nebr., have been spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orlen Kelley near Pickering. Mrs. Clayton is the mother of Mrs. Quinlan and Mrs. Kelley and came last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans and daughter, Miss Matie Evans, of Parnell, were shopping in Maryville yesterday.

WILSON PREDICTS VICTORY IN 1924

"WILL BE YEAR OF DEMOCRATIC TRIUMPH," HE SAYS.

AWARD MADE NEXT YEAR

Woodrow Wilson Foundation to Give $25,000 Prize for Outstanding Public Work.

New York, Dec. 29.—On the sixty-eighth anniversary of the birth of Woodrow Wilson, one year from yesterday, the first $25,000 prize of the Woodrow Wilson foundation for outstanding public service will be awarded, trustees of the foundation announced yesterday at a luncheon celebrating the former president's sixty-seventh birthday anniversary.

The trustees who also announced that nominations for the first annual award could be submitted from now until June 1, 1924. A jury of nine, headed by President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard, will select the winner.

The annual prize will remain at $25,000 for the first three years, and thereafter probably will be the income collected from the fund which now is over $800,000, and has an income of approximately $27,000 a year. The trustees said the foundation fund probably would total $1,000,000 before subscription books closed.

"The prize will go to the 'living individual who has rendered within a specified period unselfish public service of enduring virtue.'" It also was announced that works of writer candidates must have appeared in print and must have been written in English. Nominations also must be in writing, with two seconders.

A congratulatory birthday telegram was sent Mr. Wilson by the trustees.

At another celebration of Mr. Wilson's birthday, the Women's National Democratic Club, Inc., received from him a message which read: "I feel confident that it (1924) is to be a year of Democratic triumph."

Miss Hazel K. Perry Dies This Morning

Death Follows Eighteen Months' Illness of Cancer—Was Former High School Teacher Here.

Miss Hazel K. Perry, oldest daughter of Mrs. R. H. Perry, 401 East Third street, died at 3:15 o'clock this morning at St. Francis hospital following an eighteen months' illness of cancer. Miss Perry had undergone one operation at the hospital here and had taken radium treatments at Omaha and Kansas City hospitals.

Miss Perry was born September 24, 1885, in Jamesport, Mo. With the exception of five months, Maryville had been her home since she was seven years old. Surviving are her mother, Mrs. R. H. Perry; one brother, Frank Perry of Topeka, Kan., and one sister, Mrs. N. M. Sowder of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Perry was a graduate of both the Maryville High School and the State Teachers College and was head of the Latin department of the former school for two years. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and until failing health prevented was actively identified with its various organizations.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the M. E. Church, South, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. B. F. Cline. Mrs. F. P. Robinson will give a vocal number, "That Beautiful Land," and the choir will sing several selections. The following young women will serve as flower girls: Misses Anna May Holt, Louise Peery, Etta Suetterlin, Frances Tappe, Marie Thompson and Frances Holliday. Burial will be in the Miriam cemetery. The pallbearers will include Reed Holt, Merle Selecman, Richard Baker, Orville Suetterlin, Raymond Barry and Niles Selecman.

Out-of-town relatives who are here for the funeral are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry and children, Martiena, Frank, Jr., and Richard, of Topeka, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Sowder of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Mrs. R. L. Isherwood of Chillicothe, a sister of Mrs. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cook and little son, Jimmie, returned to Kansas City, Kan., this morning after spending Christmas week with Mr. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rhoades and daughter, Maxine, and Mrs. Margaret Westfall of Ravenwood were Maryville visitors today.

VIOLETS IN DECEMBER!

Nodaway County—"the land of sunshine and flowers the year 'round."

Violets in December sounds about as true as a Republican victory in Alabama, but Mr. and Mrs. Verne Wray have evidence that the former statement holds true in Nodaway County, Missouri.

They were visiting at the Fremont Lyle farm near Parnell yesterday and saw some violets blooming near the well on the farm. Verbena plants were also in bloom and Mrs. Wray brought one of the plants back to Maryville with her. Mr. Wray was showing the violets today as evidence.

Episcopals to Iron Out Their Differences

Conference Will Be Held Soon in New York Where Representatives of Both Factions Will Meet

New York, Dec. 29—An amicable settlement of doctrinal differences within the Episcopal Church now torn by disputes between the Modernists and Fundamentalists, was forecast by church leaders today.

A series of conferences has been arranged by advocates of the contending schools of theology in order to thresh out their beliefs.

The conference, which probably will be held in New York, will be attended by representatives of both factions.

Leo Atherton's Car Stolen Last Night

Is Second Time in Five Years That Deputy Sheriff's Ford Has Been Taken

The automobile of Leo Atherton, deputy sheriff, was stolen between 7:30 and 9 o'clock last evening in front of the Price Furniture store while Mr. Atherton was a witness in attendance at the coroner's inquest over the dead body of Charles H. Christine, which was held at the furniture store. Up to late this afternoon Mr. Atherton had received no word about his car.

The car was a Ford which was purchased by Mr. Atherton last September. The license number was No. 22-1 122. He had $300 insurance on it.

This is the second time Mr. Atherton has had a car stolen, the first time a car being stolen in front of the Elks Club, about five years ago, and being found later in an orchard southwest of town.

Files Suit to Break Will of Mrs. Buck

Plaintiffs States That Deceased Was Not Capable of Making Her Last Will and Testament.

A suit to break the will of Clara E. Buck, who died December 18, was filed in the circuit clerk's office this afternoon by Ruth Thompson, by Harry Thompson, next friend, vs. Edith Wray Updegraff and Joseph Updegraff, Frank C. Buck, et al.

The petition states that the plaintiff is a granddaughter of Mrs. Buck. The will, which the plaintiff claims is not valid, was filed in probate court on December 27 and leaves the estate to Roy Buck of San Francisco, Ernest L. Buck of Milwaukee and Edith M. Updegraff of Maryville. Another provision was that a granddaughter, Ruth Thompson, as well as the grandchildren, Robert and Elfreda Buck, was to receive nothing as it was stated provision already having been made.

The plaintiff in the petition alleges the instrument is not the last will because said instrument was not executed as required by the laws of the state; because Clara E. Buck was not at the time of the execution thereof of sound and disposing mind and memory, but was wholly incapable of making a valid will.

The will was dated April 5, 1922.

Still Searching for Missing Dixmude

Paris, Dec. 29—French, Italian and British destroyers continued their search of the Mediterranean today without finding any trace of the lost Dixmude or the bodies of any of the missing forty-nine persons who were on board the huge dirigible when it met its fate.

Suffers Broken Collar Bone

George Aley suffered a broken collar bone while wrestling yesterday afternoon. Aley and another boy were wrestling over McMurry's garage and fell. The bone was reset by a doctor and young Aley is getting along nicely.

MELLON TAX BILL WILL BE CHANGED

EVERY CONGRESSMAN HAS OWN IDEAS ON QUESTION.

REPUBLICANS ARE UNEASY

Factional Fight Within Party and Democratic Solidarity Cause Them to Make Concessions.

Washington, Dec. 29—The Mellon tax bill, proposing a reduction of taxes on incomes, and far-reaching changes and simplification in the general administration of taxes, will be so revamped and rewritten during its long and torturous course through the Sixty-eighth Congress that neither Republicans or Democrats were willing to predict today the date when Congress will finally pass upon the reduction features.

It is safe to say that nearly every member of Congress has his own idea of what should go into a tax reducing bill. The Democrats are planning to introduce their own measure, adopting some features of the Mellon bill but differing radically in other features, particularly as regards sur taxes, taxes on stock dividends, and inheritance taxes.

The Democrats, too, are in favor of reducing taxes on incomes below $10,000. Work on this bill already has been begun by Representative Garner, Democrat of Texas, who will command the Democrats in their campaign in both houses.

Republican leaders are worried by evidences of Democratic solidarity and by the factional differences that can, at any time, wipe out the narrow Republican majority in either house. The administration leaders have about agreed to split the Mellon bill into two parts; one dealing with tax reduction, and one with administrative features of the measure.

It is hoped that this measure can be cleaned up quickly and then take up the soldier bonus on the theory that no reduction estimates are possible until the fate of the bonus is determined.

If there is to be a bonus, then the taxes can be reduced so much, but if there is to be no bonus, the taxes can be reduced much more. Thus, the general agreement among the leaders that the bonus matter must first be disposed of before tackling the complicated table of reductions.

That the bonus will be passed through both the House and Senate in "jig" time is conceded by everyone. That it will be repassed in the House over President Coolidge's veto is likewise considered certain.

Whether the bill can be passed in the Senate over the Coolidge veto remains uncertain. One, two or three votes will decide the matter either way. American Legion officials claim to have pledges from sixty-eight Senators, but these claims are controverted by opponents of the bonus who are certain that some Senators will consider their pledges fulfilled on voting for the bonus measure on the first passage.

Impartial observers consider the lines so closely drawn as to defy prediction inasmuch as one or two absentees on either side might decide the whole bonus issue.

Proponents of the compensation measure are determined to force the issue quickly—as soon as Congress reconvenes after the holidays.

Unified Services Used at the Baptist Church

For the past two Sundays the Baptist Church of Maryville has held unified services in the morning. Beginning at 10 o'clock the Sunday school program was given and the church program starting immediately following this. This plan was tried as an experiment and is considered very successful. However, for the next two Sundays the old plan of having Sunday School and church separate will be used.

To Aunt's Funeral.

George C. Butts, city editor of the Democrat-Forum, will leave tonight for Gallatin to attend the funeral of his aunt, Miss Dora Powell, who died at 2 o'clock this morning. Miss Powell had been ill for three weeks of pneumonia.

Mrs. Len Parker of Winston, Mo., came Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Verne Wray, and family, for one week.

Paul Schrader returned last night from Omaha, where he has been visiting relatives and friends for a week.

Alleged Murderer Is Taken Back to Scene

Sister of Man Killed Yesterday Identifies Suspect as One Who Committed Duel Murder.

Abilene, Kan., Dec. 29.—Albert Piggley, held as a suspect in the brutal murder of Otto Schering and his wife, was taken from the county jail here today to the scene of the murder in Hope, Kan.

He was to be taken into the blood spotted room of Schering's home where the couple met their death yesterday at the hands of a murderer who used a gun and presumably a club in killing his victims.

Piggley is said to have told conflicting stories regarding the blood stained clothing found in his car which showed evidence of having been driven most of Thursday night. Piggley was taken into custody near Russell, Kan.

Lakona Schering, sister of Otto, who also was shot, identified Piggley as the man who committed the duel murder.

GASOLINE PRICE IS HIKED TWO CENTS

JOY LIQUID NOW SELLS FOR 16.9 CENTS A GALLON HERE

11 STATES INCLUDED

Other Oil Stations in Maryville Follow Suit When Standard Raises Price Here

An increase in the price of gasoline announced late yesterday by the Standard Oil Company, is effective beginning this morning, in eleven states of the middle west. The latest increase, 2 cents a gallon, makes the price of the joy liquid 16.9 cents a gallon. This is the same price as is charged by all other Standard Oil stations within the Indiana district, except where a city tax on gasoline raises the retail price.

The raise in price was also effective in all of the other oil filling stations in Maryville. No increase in the price of oil is made by the filling stations.

The price goes up in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and the greater part of Oklahoma.

The latest increase in the price of gasoline in Maryville follows a similar increase in gasoline on the Chicago markets. Gasoline prices have been on the increase all during the winter months.

No reason was given the local stations as to the reason of the increase in the retail price of gasoline, although it was stated in the Chicago paper that the general increase in the retail price of gasoline over the country was due to the rise in price of the crude oil at the refineries.

A. S. Robey Writes From Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 26, 1923

To Democrat-Forum:

We are here in Los Angeles, located at 1110 Ingraham street, Buckingham Apartment. Weather extremely fine, sun shining bright all the time. Dwelling yards green and lots of roses in bloom. I can hear the hum of the lawn mower before I get up in the morning.

I have met Dr. H. H. Wolf, Harry M. Irwin, Henry Dawson, Geo. E. Shelton, Omer Fisher, and by chance we met Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mutz, whom we did not know were here, meeting them in a dense crowd on Broadway. I went to where Ed Signs clerks and with deep regret, learned that he was at home sick, and had not been able to be at the store for the past two months.

We have been too busy sight seeing to hunt up the rest of the Maryville folks, but will do so later on. Oh yes, we also met Don Davis. Don is on a mail route, and Miss Davis teaches school over in Pasadena.

We get the Democrat-Forum every day and how gladly we receive it, as it is full of news.

A. S. Robey.

Herrens Return From Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herren returned last night from Ashland, Ky., where they have been guests for two months of their daughter, Mrs. Wray Dudley, and family.

Miss Lucile Holmes, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Montgomery for a few days, returned to Kansas City this afternoon where she teaches in the public schools.

SHIP SINKS WITH CREW OF 30 LOST

U. S. STEAMER CONEJOS IS WRECKED

OTHER BOATS MISSING

British Steamer, Parifot, and Italian Warship, Isonzo, Are Reported Lost in Storm

Moscow, Dec. 29—The U. S. Shipping Board steamer, Conejos, has been sunk in the Black Sea with a loss of thirty of her crew, said a dispatch from Batoum today.

The Conejos floundered during a violent gale 150 miles off Batoum. Many ships have been driven ashore by the storm which swept the eastern part of the Black Sea. Those making port said the gale was the worst in twenty years.

A railway train of twenty-two cars laden with wheat was blown from the tracks and into the sea at Annap.

New York, Dec. 29—The U. S. Shipping Board steamship, Conejos, reported sunk in the Black Sea, was a 7,800 ton freighter, pyling between Russian and Turkish ports and carrying a crew of thirty.

Hope was held out at the shipping board office here that the crew had been picked up by another ship after their own vessel had been sunk.

London, Dec. 29—The steamship, Parifot, was reported missing today. Attempts to communicate with her by wireless failed.

London, Dec. 29—The Italian warship, Isonzo, has floundered at sea in a storm after a collision with another ship, according to a dispatch from Constantinople this afternoon. The dispatch gave no details as to the loss of life.

Loftin Out for Governor on Real "Wet" Platform

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—Fowler Smith Loftin, owners of considerable real estate here, yesterday afternoon announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor on a platform which he described as "wet as the Mississippi river." His announcement declared the eighteenth amendment "a grevious mistake" and the Volstead law, "tyranny." He declared himself in favor of good roads and a soldier bonus.

Cold Wave Expected by Tomorrow Night

Telegram From Chicago Weather Bureau Predicts Temperature to Be Around Zero.

J. R. Brink, local weather observer, received a telegram from the Chicago Weather Department stating that a cold wave was on the way and would reach this district by tomorrow or tomorrow night. The temperature is expected to drop to within ten degrees of the zero mark or lower.

The message follows: "Cold wave within twenty-four to thirty-six hours. Temperature will fall close to zero in north portion and about ten above in south portion by Sunday or Sunday night."

1924 to Be a Year of Democratic Triumphs

New York, Dec. 29.—Confidence that 1924 will be a year of Democratic triumphs was expressed in a letter received yesterday by the Women's National Democratic Club, Inc., from former President Wilson. Mr. Wilson's communication was sent in reply to the club's greeting on his birthday anniversary. It follows:

"It makes me very proud to realize that I have such friends and supporters as the ladies of the Women's National Democratic Club, Inc., and their birthday greetings give me unalloyed pleasure.

"I hope that the year now about to open may prove a prosperous one to the club in every way and that every sort of happiness may come to its members. I feel confident that it is to be a year of Democratic triumph."

THE WEATHER

Unsettled tonight and Sunday; possibly rain in the south and rain or snow in the north portion; colder Sunday and in the extreme north portion tonight.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

Bible Thought for Today

WHAT GOD WILL DO.—He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.—Isaiah 25:8.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

An exchange says, in speaking of newspaper rewards: "Let some body on the sheet make a "break" or "pull a bone" and people who never in all their lives called up an office to say a good word for good work will gladly leap to the nearest phone and call down the offender or somebody else." So far as the general public is concerned that may be easily understood. Good work and good conduct are too common to attract the attention of the general public. A man may work hard and lead an honest, upright life without shadow of turning for a half century and nobody will ever remark about it but, let him make a single misstep, and the whole community will roll it as a sweet morsel on their tongues.

That is human nature and not particularly difficult to understand. Considering the amount of material to be handled and the limited force and the limited time in which it must be handled, the modern daily newspaper is a marvel of accuracy and fair treatment. It is only the slips that attract special attention and that doesn't always mean that they are inaccurate or untrue. The newspaper generally prefers to cut out the thorns and leave only the roses when it is possible and when it can be honest with the public in so doing.

There are others, however, who may not be so excused. There are intelligent men who become so absorbed in their own success that they imagine the publisher of a newspaper has nothing to do but think of them in particular. If somebody misleads a reporter by an inaccurate statement, or the reporter, who handles perhaps fifty to seventy-five stores a day, gets the facts in one of them slightly tangled, these men of usual good judgment, fly into a passion and blame the publisher, the chief editorial writer, the general manager, or some one else who knew nothing about the matter, with having laid awake nights plotting this special downfall. If men who are familiar with the making of a newspaper do not know better, why expect it of general public to whom it more or less a mystery?

The freaks of type are generally ludicrious and sometimes serious. It only takes the change of one letter to make "bright" into "fright." The loss of one letter makes the prominent citizen who has returned from a long trip "unchanged," returned "unhanged."

As some one has said: "Somehow, everybody sees the incongruous, the ridiculous, the preposterous. When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference, or at least has not the necessary information or facts at hand to call him to book. If a doctor makes a mistake he buries it. When an electrician errs in judgment he blames it on "induction" because no one knows what it is. Should a judge make a mistake it becomes the law of the land. If a plumber fails in some pipe-jointing he charges twice for it. But if the newspaper printer errs in print, the offended will not forgive and the public cannot forget."

Suits Filed Today

Following suits were filed in the circuit clerk's office today:

M. McCleave vs. N. McCleave, note.

Ruth Thompson by next friend, Harry Thompson, vs. Frank C. Buck, Robert F. Buck, Elfreda Buck, partition.

On St. Joseph Market

Roberts & Maltsberger and Jim Slemp each sold cars of hogs, while Nic McCleve disposed of a car of cattle, car hogs from Nodaway County.—St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal.

Mrs. Ella Skidmore Sewell, was appointed administratrix of the estate of Emma A. Beach who died at Skidmore on December 13, 1923.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Our Great January Clearance Sale Starts Monday

It is always our custom to clean up all odds and ends of winter merchandise during this January Clearance Sale. We also offer many real bargains in new merchandise just received.

REMNANTS REMNANTS REMNANTS

We have just finished invoicing and found hundreds of short lengths of all kinds of merchandise in our store. These have all been measured and marked and ticketed and are priced at about one-half or less than the regular price would be off of the bolt. You no doubt can find a great many of these short lengths which you can use to a good advantage at exceedingly low prices.

KNIT UNDERWEAR

One lot of children's union suits, good heavy weight now only, per suit.....69c

All other children's underwear now 20 per cent off.

One lot of ladies' union suits made with either high neck, long sleeves or low neck, no sleeves now only, per suit.....89c

Ladies' extra fine ribbed union suits, a regular $2.00 value, low neck, no sleeves, either ankle or knee length, real bargain now at per suit.....$1.49

Ladies' union suits, extra large size 46, 48 and 50, made low neck, elbow sleeves and ankle length, regular $2.50 value, now only per suit $1.65

BED SPREADS

Buy a new bed spread now and save money. Your choice of any of our handsome bed spreads at 20 per cent off.

SILKS

Canton Crepe, the very best quality canton crepe in most any color that you could desire, now per yard only.....$3.00

36 inch Messaline in navy blue or black, a real bargain now at only, per yard $1.49

40 inch Crepe de Chine, a good heavy quality in most any color that you could desire now only, per yard.....$2.00

33 inch pure silk Japanese pongee now only, per yard.....$1.19

36 inch Satin Charmeuse, a regular $3.50 quality, now only per yard.....$2.00

TOWELS

Hemmed huck towels in plain white, 18x36 inches in size, a real bargain now at each only 12½c

A good Turkish Towel now at each only 15c

Extra heavy weight Turkish towels, extra large size with either pink or blue border, now at each only.....50c

One of the very heaviest weight bath towels made in extra large size, these would be cheap on today's market at $1.25 each, now only, each.....98c

Haines
The Biggest Little Store in the United States.

CURTAIN MATERIALS

All curtain materials including nets, laces, cretonnes, tapestries, etc., now at 20 per cent off.

OUTING FLANNEL GOWNS

All outing flannel gowns now at 1-5 off.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S CLOAKS

We are always anxious to sell all our cloaks during this January Clearance Sale and have cut the price one-half in two in order that they will move out rapidly; your choice of any cloak in our house now at exactly ½ price.

DRESSES

Your choice of any ladies' or children's dress in our store including silk or wool or cotton, now at exactly ½ the former price.

MIDDIES

All our famous Jack Tar pure wool middies now reduced 1-3.

$10.00 all wool middies now each only $6.67
$6.50 all wool middies now each only $4.34
$5.00 all wool middies now each only $3.34

COMFORT BATTS

Extra large full three pound batts, opens up into one sheet 72x90 inches in size, all pure white cotton now each only....$1.00

COMFORT CHALLIES

Full 36 inches wide, a large range of beautiful patterns for comfort coverings, now per yard only.....19c

PERCALES

The best quality of 36 inch percale in a large assortment of both light and dark colors, all new Spring patterns now per yard only 17c

OUTING FLANNEL

27 inch outing flannel, a splendid quality, large assortment of light colors now only, per yard 12½c

Splendid quality 36 inch outing flannel both light and dark colors and this quality is a real bargain now only, per yd 22c

WHITE IVORY

If you received some white ivory for Christmas gifts you may want an extra piece or two to make out your set, your choice of any piece of white ivory in our store at exactly ½ price.

FANCY LINENS

One big lot of fancy linens including table covers, breakfast cloths, dresser scarfs, etc., now at exactly ½ price.

HOSIERY

Here is a real bargain in children's fine quality hose, this is our regular 35c and 39c stockings, very fine ribbed, the kind that will wear and give perfect satisfaction, in either black or brown now per pair only 25c

CRASH

All linen crash toweling now only per yard 19c

CORSETS

A great many people wait every year to buy our fine high grade corsets in this January Clearance Sale at greatly reduced prices. Remember this Sale includes all Gossard, Warner, and Redfern corsets as well as corselettes and girdles.

$14.00 Corsets now only.....$11.75
$12.50 Corsets now only.....$9.85
$10.00 Corsets now only.....$7.95
$8.00 Corsets now only $6.75
$7.50 Corsets now only.....$6.45
$7.00 Corsets now only $5.95
$6.50 Corsets now only.....$5.35
$5.00 Corsets now only.....$3.95
$4.00 Corsets now only.....$2.95
$3.50 Corsets now only $2.45
$3.00 Corsets now only.....$2.25
$2.00 Corsets now only.....$1.60

All other brassieres will be priced during this Great January Sale at 1-5 off.

SILK UNDERWEAR

Your choice of any of our beautiful silk underwear now at 1-5 off.

BLANKETS

If you need blankets now is the opportunity to buy. We are selling blankets for less than the manufacturers' price.

An extra good plain gray cotton blanket, full bed size now per pair only $1.94

Extra large beautiful plaid woolnap blankets now only, per pair.....$3.49

72x84 inch, the largest size heaviest weight woolnap blanket that it is possible to buy, now only, per pair.....$4.95

WOOL DRESS GOODS

36 inch absolutely all wool Storm Serge in navy blue, black, brown and red, now only, per yard.....89c

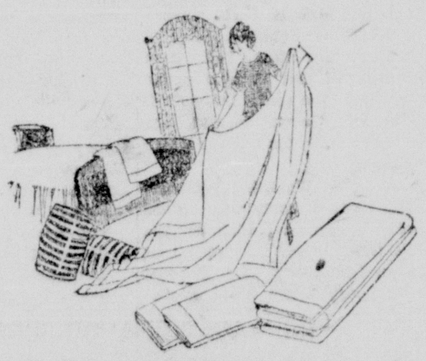
50 inch all wool Storm Serge, a real heavy quality in navy blue and brown, now only, per yard.....$2.00

54 inch, the very finest quality French Serge in navy blue, black and brown now per yard only.....$2.50

56 inch all wool Charmeen or Poiret Twill, this beautiful material now only, per yard $4.00

BOMBAY CAMBRIC

This is a beautiful linen finish material in a beautiful range of patterns, excellent cloth for house dresses, cover-all aprons, etc., regular 40c material now only, per yard 29c



MUSLINS AND SHEETINGS

With the price of raw cotton advancing every day and the demand for these materials is greater than it has been for some time, these prices will look cheap before the Spring season is here.

8-4 or 72 inch Wearwell or Pepperall Sheeting now only, per yard.....48c

9-4 or 81 inch Wearwell or Pepperall Sheeting now only per yard.....51c

10-4 or 90 inch Wearwell or Pepperall Sheeting now only per yard.....55c

These prices are for either bleached or unbleached.

40 inch very fine quality soft muslin, two widths is wide enough for a sheet, this muslin will bleach out pure white in a few washings, a real bargain now at per yard only 19c

An excellent quality of unbleached muslin, 36 inches wide, now only, per yard 14c

PILLOW TUBING

Here are two real bargains in linen finish fine quality pillow tubing. 36 inch now only, per yard 29c

40 inch now only, per yard.....31c

Haines
The Biggest Little Store in the United States.

SOCIETY

Surprise Birthday Party.

A surprise party was given last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ager, west of Maryville, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mr. Ager. The evening was spent in music and progressive pitch was played at ten tables. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The party numbered about seventy-five.

Entertained at Dinner

Miss Zoe McKee entertained with a six o'clock dinner Thursday evening, at her country home, near Bolckow, in honor of Miss Della Adams of Pleasant Hill, Mo., who is her guest. Ralph Hulse, a student of Missouri Wesleyan College, Durward Price a student of Missouri University, and Lyle McCoppin, a student of Kansas University, all of whom are spending their vacation in and near Bolckow. Other guests were Norma Hartley, Josephine Price, Harry Messick and Tom Montgomery.

Owens Dinner.

On Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Owens and daughter, Ruth, gave a family dinner at their home near Graham for Mrs. Ury M. Wilson of Kalvesta, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Wayman McGinness and daughter, Lola Mae, of Skidmore; Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Kenady and daughter, Josephine of Skidmore; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bartrum of Skidmore; Mr. and Mrs. Ora Miller and children, Vera, Beulah, Floyd, Arthur and Merrill, of Maitland; Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Owens and daughter, Alta Lorene, and Louise Marie, Orril Romaine and Maurice O'Neal of Mound City. The affair was also in celebration of the twenty-third wedding anniversary of both Mr. and Mrs. Ora Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Wayman McGinness.

Meet at Braniger Home

The Woman's Home Missionay Society of the First Methodist Church held its December meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. S. Braniger on North Buchanan street. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. H. E. Wright. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Anna Bennett who had as her subject "Training Of A Child." Mrs. E. M. Houchens was the leader of the program and read the third chapter of the text book on "Play and Work." Miss Kate Willis told of the kindergarten for the social uplift of the child, and Mrs. T. B. Mumma read a leaflet which was an open letter to auxiliary workers from child workers. The program closed with the enigmas conducted by Mrs. Wright. During the social hour refreshments were served by the following hostesses, Mrs. J. D. Ford, Mrs. T. B. Mumma, Mrs. Miranda Heflin and Mrs. Robert Larmer. Nineteen members were present and C. A. McCoppin and Virginia were guests.

Christmas Program

A Christmas program was given at the meeting of the Ravenwood Literary Progressive Club Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. H. Sims. The assisting hostess was Miss Nellie Sims. In answer to roll call the members gave New Year's resolutions. The hostesses served refreshments at the conclusion of the program. Guests of the club were Mrs. C. L. Uht, Mrs. Carl Leary and Mrs. Hunterson, and the members present were Mrs. M. L. Bentley, Mrs. W. V. Bishop, Mrs. D. M. Bishop, Mrs. David Crater, Mrs. Mary Flynn, Mrs. James Hubbell, Mrs. S. H. Leary, Mrs. Phoebe Mow and Mrs. John Midyett. Mrs. O. Wright will be hostess to the club on January 10.

For Holiday Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Zimmerman entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner yesterday at their home, west of Maryville, in honor of their holiday guests, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry A. Sawyers, Scott Sawyers, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crowley, all of St. Joseph. Additional guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zimmerman, Ray Zimmerman, Mrs. Harry Bingaman of Greenfield, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gault and daughter, Miss Lorena Gault, Mrs. Jennie B. Snider, and Henry and Martha Sue Zimmerman.

Manchester-Keiffer

Miss Ella Manchester, 23, and Mr. Ralph Keiffer, 24, were married in Kansas City, last Saturday morning, December 22. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Manchester and is well known by everyone, as she has lived in Skidmore all her life, and makes friends with everyone she meets. Mrs. Keiffer graduated from the College at Maryville last year and is teaching art and music in the schools at Ellenwood, Kans., where she will return after the holidays. The groom lives with his parents west of Maitland and has many friends here in Skidmore which he has made during the past four years.—Skidmore News.

Nash-Rathbun Wedding.

The following account of the wedding of Miss Lois K. Nash of Holt, Mo., and Virgil L. Rathbun of Maryville is clipped from the Holt Rustler:

Sunday, December 23, 1923, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. I. T. Nash in this city, occurred the marriage of their youngest daughter, Miss Lois K. Nash, to Mr. Virgil L. Rathbun of Maryville the ceremony which united these young lives being performed by the father of the bride.

This marriage is the culmination of an attachment formed during the past two years, for which period Miss Nash has been a member of the Maryville High School faculty.

Mr. Rathbun is one of the prominent young members of the Maryville bar, being at present circuit clerk of Nodaway County.

The young couple departed immediately after the ceremony for an automobile jaunt of a week or ten days' duration, after which they will return to Maryville to make their home.

Guests who witnessed the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rathbun, parents of the groom, of Maryville; Mr. and Mrs. Miller and little daughter, uncle and aunt of the groom, of Maysville, Mrs. Walton A. Smith of Kansas City, Kan., Vernon Nash of Kansas City, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Emory Nash of Holt, sister and brothers of the bride.

Malam Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Malam had as their guests for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hammond, Mrs. Etta Hammond and Mrs. Martha Thompson, all of Parnell; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Poindexter and children, Lois and Elbert, Jr., of St. Joseph; John Malam of St. Joseph; Chester Malam of Kansas City; Misses Sylvia and Lottie Malam, Ruth, Wilma and Frances Hammond, and Roy, Raymond, Everett, Howard, William, George and Forrest Hammond, and Ernest and Lawrence Lee Malam. Afternoon guests were Mrs. C. A. Malam and daughters of Waverly, Ill.

Miss Velma Appleby Married.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Appleby of Maryville announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Velma, to Mr. L. W. Cashen of Coleraine, Minn. The wedding took place Saturday, December 22, at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cashen. After June 1, the couple will be at home in Cloquet, Minn. Mrs. Cashen arrived in Maryville Monday to spend the holidays with her parents and will be joined here next Monday by Mr. Cashen. They will visit relatives here until January 4. The bride has been supervisor of home economics in the Proctor, Minn., schools since September 1, and previously taught at various points for four years. She is a graduate of both the Maryville High School and the State Teachers College and also took graduate work at the University of Missouri at Columbia. Mr. Cashen is an engineer of the Minnesota State Highway Department.

Miss Oakes' Debut Ball

The Boston, Mass., Herald under date of Sunday, December 23, contains an account of the debut ball of Miss Elizabeth Oakes, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Oakes, Jr., The affair was held at the beautiful Brookline home of Mr. and Mrs. Oakes and a large number of the season's buds and a corresponding group of college men were invited. Mrs. Oakes will be remembered as Miss Mary Prather and the following excerpts will be of interest to her friends in Maryville where she was born and reared:

"The decorations carried out in vivid tones the Yuletide spirit, a brilliant Christmas tree scintillating and sparkling to greet the guests as they neared the spacious lawns, a beacon light high in the tower inviting to the fete.

Inside, the conservatory, just off the hallway, was banked with masses of rich poinsettias and the deep greens of stately palms, and other holiday greens were twined about the staircase.

There was a vista of soft and radiant color, from the tapestry-hung ballroom throughout the entire lower floor. Huge bowls of sweetpeas adorned the dining room, and repeated in their many tints and tones the masses of blossoms in the ballroom, these latter flowers a tribute to the attractive bud. She and her mother received in the Italian room, also tapestry-hung and serving effectively as background for their gowns.

Miss Oakes was in crystal-clear white chiffon, a gown ingenue in suggestion, and quite unadorned save for many silver petal-points on the skirt. Mrs. Oakes wore a costume of black chiffons, breathing in its subtle simplicity of line and silver ornamentation of chic Parisian touch.

The younger daughter of the house, Miss Virginia Oakes, wore gay pink and blue, a lustrous taffeta frock with hem of turquoise and shirred girdle of rose.

A charming touch for the dinner were the favors—frivolous little nosegays for the girls and boutonnieres of deepest pink carnations for the men. The orchestra that played for the dancing was sequestered behind a screen of heavy panelling, quite out of sight of the merry throng. A late buffet supper made complete the evening's festivities, the guests all staying on well into the wee sma' hours."

McMurry Dinner Guests

Wilson McMurry will be host at a 6 o'clock dinner this evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McMurry, on Grand avenue. Covers will be laid for Jack Rowlett and his guest, Tom Putnam of New York City; Eugene and Ralph Yehle, Ralph Wilson Eversole of Kansas City, and Ray Hull. The host and his guests are students at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Mrs. Cornell Hostess.

The Junior Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, met yesterday afternoon at the home of the superintendent, Mrs. J. W. Cornell. A short program and a business meeting were held and the rest of the afternoon was spent in games and Victrola music. Several new members have been received into membership for the ensuing year. Refreshments were served by the hostess. About sixteen members were in attendance.

Raines Dinner Party

Misses Mabel, Evelyn and Laura Margaret Raines were hostesses at a 6 o'clock dinner last evening at their home when their guests included Miss Alsamene King, Miss Dorothy Bridgmon of Bigelow, the week-end guest of Miss Laura Margaret Raines Jack Rowlett and his guest, Tom Putnam of New York City; Ralph Yehle, William Mapel of Jamesport, and Wilson McMurry.

Frolickers Club Party

The annual holiday party of the Skidmore Frolickers Club was held Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Linville. Bridge was played at seven tables and at the close of the game a two-course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bert Strickler, Mrs. W. F. Barber, Mrs. Harry Worl and Miss Lucile Linville. The Christmas colors prevailed in the house decorations. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Howden and Rollo Howden of Los Angeles, Cal.; Paul Karr of New York; Mrs. Opal Hitchcock of St. Joseph; Miss Alice McNeal of Watson, Mo., Mrs. H. L. Tate of Columbus, Ohio, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Manning Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Worl, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Strickler, Misses Agnes, Amy and Alice Barrett, Mary Tyson, Bessie Mitchell, Leona Sewell, Margaret Norton, and Douglas Haynes, Harold Hart, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Linville.

Hosts at Dinner

Mrs. Alice R. Perrin and Mrs. Lottie Oman will entertain with a 1 o'clock dinner tomorrow in compliment to the former's daughter, Mrs. D. R. MacLeod of Tyrone, Okla., and her son, Charles Perrin, and Mrs. Perrin, of Paris, France, who are holiday guests at Perrin Hall. Other guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson of St. Joseph, Mrs. O. F. Wilson of Burlington Junction, Miss Vera MacLeod, and Dr. H. L. Stinson.

REOPENS WEDNESDAY.

The doors of the Economy Mercantile Company will be reopened Wednesday when the entire stock will be put on sale at new unheard-of prices in an effort to close out everything. Watch for Monday's ad in this paper; there you will find the full particulars.

Tom, Clint, Robert and Glen Adams went to Hale, Mo., Thursday, where they were called by the illness of their mother, Mrs. John Adams.

Special duck dinner at the Linville Hotel Sunday.

Mrs. Coolidge Looks Over White House Grounds

The new first lady of the land is taking an active interest in the plans for improving the White House grounds. The other day, in company with Col. Clarence O. Sherrill (right), officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, and James Healey, secret service man, she made a close inspection of all parts of the grounds.

Sightseers Visiting the Ruins of Yokohama

Sightseeing in ravaged Yokohama these days is done in a remade street car, which is always crowded. Many thousands of tourists go there to see the results of the big earthquake.

CUSTOM AT NEW YEAR IS ANCIENT

HAS BEEN CELEBRATED BY ALL PEOPLES OF WORLD.

BIBLE SANCTIONS IT

Old Testament Gives Directions For Annual Observance Of Birth Of New Year.

When the bells start ringing in the New Year 1924, it will be in celebration of an anniversary which dates back into ancient times farther than anyone has been able to determine. All peoples seem to have celebrated the occasion as a holy festival and a time for rejoicing, second only to Christmas.

Among the Jews directions for its observance are found in the Old Testament which says, "And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work; it is a day of blowing of trumpets unto you. And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the Lord; one young bullock, one ram and seven lambs of the first year without blemish."

The Old Roman year began with the first of March and the celebration called the Festival of Ancylia, was observed with processions, feasting and rejoicing. When the Roman calendar was changed the celebration was dedicated to January 1. To show the difference between heathenism and Christianity, the day was given over to real religious services.

The ancient Hindus observed the day with sacrifices to the God of Wisdom. Throughout the whole of India, it is a day of great activity. In China and Japan the New Year is ushered in with the most striking and joyous of all their religious observances. The Persians celebrate with somewhat the same customs as those of the Hebrew Sabbatical year. The ancient Druids commenced their year March 10 with the cutting of the mistletoe, banqueting, sacrificing and feasting.

Of the Mexicans, Lyman D. Abbott says, "They carefully adorned their houses and temples and employed themselves in various religious ceremonies. One, which was at first perhaps peculiar to this season, was offering to the gods a human sacrifice."

New England diaries reveal this prosaic observance. "We went to work betimes." Puritan ministers who celebrated or even took notice of the day were charged with unchristian reverence for the heathen God Janus. This seems particularly strange in consideration of the fact that they came from a country in which New Year's celebration was placed second only to Christmas.

New Year's Eve was always celebrated throughout English countries. In some it was called "Singing E'en" because the last of the Christmas carols were sung then. In Scotland the last day of the year was designated by the ugly name Hogamanay. It was considered the most popular of the Daft Days, as the Christmas holidays were called. Poor Scotch children still go from door to door on that day and beg for oat bread and cheese calling "Hogamanay" or reciting some such verse as this:

"Get up, gude wife and binno swein
Deal cakes and cheese while ye are here
For the time will come when ye'll be dead
And neither need your cheese nor bread."

On these expeditions the children were swathed in sheets which formed bags for the food collected.

Ireland celebrated the New Year by throwing small cakes, like doughnuts, on each other's door step, symbolizing prosperity for the coming year. A very curious custom was pursued in the Isle of Man up to the middle of the third century. On New Year's Eve the wife sprinkled ashes on the floor before she went to bed. If a footprint should be found pointing toward the door in the morning it indicated that death would enter the home during the year, however, if the print pointed away from the door, it indicated an increase in the family.

The wassail bowl filled with spiced ale and drunk in family groups was a conspicuous part of the New Year's celebration in England. Poor persons tied bowls with bright ribbons and begged for money to supply their bowls.

Probate Court Appointments

Mrs. Susan A. Elliott, a widow, and E. D. Elliott, a son, were appointed executors of the estate of Jefferson D. Elliott of Barnard, who died December 17.

W. C. Pierce was appointed executor of the estate of Clara E. Buck, who died December 18.

George W. Cole of Barnard was appointed executor of the estate of Mrs. Martha E. Henderson of Barnard who died December 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Masters motored to Excelsior Spring today and will be accompanied home tomorrow by Mr. and Mrs. George Masters, who have been spending several weeks there for the benefit of George Masters' health.

Miss Alverta Logan of Parnell was the guest today of Miss Addie Yeo. Miss Logan will leave Tuesday for Omaha, where she will enter St. Joseph's hospital for a four years' course in nurse's training.

EMPIRE THEATRE

Tonight

Adapted by Rufus Steele from the play, "Dear Me," by Luther Reed and Hale Hamilton. Directed by Henry Kolker. A Paramount picture.

The Purple Highway

With MADGE KENNEDY.

Stepping Stones to Fame.

Success or failure, or just a struggler dreaming of reaching the purple heights, you'll be happier for seeing pretty little April Blair lead a group of failures up "The Purple Highway." Through struggle and heartache—to the land of Dreams-Come-True. 10c—27c and 3c

—Also Comedy.

Hedge Posts at Auction

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2, AT 1 O'CLOCK AT SWAN CHAPEL CHURCH,

10 miles southwest of Maryville, 7 miles west of Arkoe—105 big corner posts, 8 and 10 feet long. 300 big line posts 7 feet long. By order of committee:

J. D. MUTZ,
NED BUSBY,
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Deluxe **$1550** *Fob. Detroit*

The National Favorite

Weary of folding seats and seat-Climbing, the public has literally flocked to the Willys-Knight Coupe-Sedan! Doors front and rear. You enter and leave without awkward contortions. And it has the wonderful Willys-Knight sleeve-valve engine—same type as Panhard, Daimler, and others of Europe's finest cars. See it! Try it!

Other Willys-Knight models: 5-pass. Touring $1175; 2-pass. Roadster, $1175; 7-pass. Touring $1325; 5-pass. Coupe-Sedan (Standard) $1450; 5-pass. Sedan, $1795; 6-pass. Sedan De Luxe, $1895; 7-pass. Sedan, $1995; all prices f. o. b. Toledo. We reserve the right to change prices and specifications without notice.

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Ravenwood, Mo.

The Day of the Knight Is Here.

What the World Is Doing

AS SEEN BY POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

"Canned Sunshine" for Heat to Aid Fuel Problem

"Canned sunshine" for heating purposes is the object of experiments being conducted by a Pacific-coast inventor. He has developed heat from sunlight that will burn coal, melt lead, and generate a gas which he believes can be utilized for propelling power. This is accomplished by a series of mirrors that reflect the rays into a concentrator which produces a temperature of 2,800 degrees. By burning chemicals in this apparatus, cooling them, and then sealing the residue in air-tight containers, the expert expects to market an energy that can be used in many ways.

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Unique Sealer for Pie Crusts

To press the dough or pie crusts together and prevent the escape of juice

into the oven while baking, a metal marker has been made that runs around the edge of the crusts to mark the dough and trims the sides at the same time.

U. S. Training Pigeons to Fly at Night

In teaching pigeons to fly at night, army officers claim to be developing a necessary factor in national defense and the maintenance of communications when other methods fail.

A band of night fliers in the Canal Zone has been trained with remarkable success, the birds released at any point in the region, finding their way home on the darkest nights as speedily as in daylight. Unaffected by weather conditions, the pigeons make flights through thick haze and heavy tropical rains to a loft having its interior illuminated by electric lights.

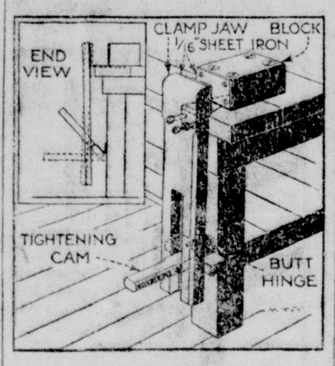
"These birds were put to a useful purpose recently," said an officer, "when a small army vessel was in distress 40 miles at sea. Soon after dusk a pair of night-

flying pigeons was released with messages asking for aid. In two hours, the birds were at the home loft, and relief was on its way."

Many ships and aircraft are now being equipped with pigeons before they start upon their trips, to be used as a means of communicating with their stations in the event that mishaps make wireless messages impossible to send.

Useful Clamp for the Woodwork Bench

The drawing shows a simple home-made clamp that is of considerable usefulness to woodworkers. It consists of



a wooden block, securely screwed to the benchtop in the position shown, and faced on one side with ⅛-in. sheet iron. This forms the permanent jaw. A 2 by 4-in lever, also faced at one end with sheet iron, and slotted at the other end as shown, is arranged to pivot on a strap hinge that is screwed to the benchtop and bolted to the lever at the point indicated. The upper end of the lever forms the movable jaw. The vise is tightened by means of a 2 by 4-in. cam, attached to the bench leg with a butt hinge, the narrow part of the cam fitting in the slot of the lever and extending outward about 6 in. so that it can be operated by the foot. Forcing the cam lever downward brings the vise jaws together, clamping the work between them. If the object is too small to be held between the jaws one or two small wooden blocks are put between it and the jaws.

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Chips in East Prussia travel on dry land when going from Elbing, the seaport, to the lakes in the highlands. Special sluices have been built along the canal connecting the sea with those waterways. When a vessel has to "climb," it is loaded on wagons run over a double-track railway in the water.

Forumettes

FOURMETTES.

The blundering man
Stands a bigger chance
Of getting there than the
One who tries nothing.

Only three more days to brush up your New Year's resolutions.

A man says he can't understand that expression "Poor as Job's turkey" so many people use as turkey is not mentioned in the Bible.

It used to be that the most brilliant repartee was heard at the banquet table in the days of the flowing bowl. Now it is heard between a motorist and a traffic cop.

It must be hard on the man who is always bragging about his car to have it stolen by thieves who abandon it after they had gone three blocks.

Uncle Abner, the town philosopher, says you will never find anything which is busier than an idle rumor.

Keeping up appearances often amounts to little more than keeping up a bluff.

Out in Kansas a few days ago they had a chicken picking contest in which the winner did the job in five minutes. There are a lot of shieks who can pick one in a glance on the street.

Some bachelors better look out, leap year is only three days ahead.

Many smokers can remember the days when you went into a cigar store and bought a good five cent cigar, and on asking the obliging salesman for a match he would push over a big box and say "Help yourself" in a way that you knew he meant it.

The following paragraph under the heading of Card of Thanks is taken from The News of Ludington, Mich.:

"I wish to thank my neighbors and the Ludington fire department for their prompt action in saving my property, especially Chief Nathan Joseph, for having the hose in my house before the blaze was discovered. —S. L. NICHOLSON."

Wonder if our fire chief could do as well as that!

A telephone has been defined as a good substitute for sole leather.

A cynical bachelor says he does not believe a broken heart is very serious to a gril as he has noticed they are always able to use the pieces effectively.

It is too bad there is not a law to force people to practice what they preach.

We are always accusing the women of doing a lot of fool things but you never heard of one staying up at the lodge rooms half the night playing cards.

What we need these cold mornings is self starter fires.

Perhaps the reason we have so much trouble getting some of the modern books at the library is because a person has to read them two or three times to find what they are about.

"So long" is the most popular form of farewell among men, the observer of the passerby tells us.

BROMIDES.

It seems every reader of the paper has a list of pet bromides. These came in yesterday's mail:

"Graceful as a gazelle."
"Wild as a deer."
"Plump as a partridge."
"Proud as a peacock."
"Swift as the wind."
"Quick as a flash."
"All the world loves a lover."
"There is no place like home."
"When the cat is away the mice will play."
"A new broom sweeps clean."
"Beautiful as Venus."
"Pretty as a picture."
"Ugly as sin."
"Rich as Creosus."
"Cool as a cucumber."
"Poor as Lazarus."

The man with a good cooking wife is far better off than the one with a good looking wife.

Louise, the stenographer, says a lot of two cylinder minds are driving around in eight cylinder cars.

Vagrant Musings.

Many a good man has lost out because he was too modest to push himself forward.

It is better to have an open mind than an open mouth.

We have reached the stage when a leg in a cotton stocking would shock the average individual quicker than a bare leg would.

You need not expect a square deal from a man who has a lot of prejudices.

Thrift in a lot of people is just another word for plain stingyness.

Today's Vaudeville Patter.

Biff—Why is it we can't get used to meals any more like mother used to cook.

Bang—Because things didn't come in cans in those days.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads

Stock Dips and Crude Oil. Holt Supply Co., north side Square.

Grand View

The pupils of Grandview school assisted by their teacher, Miss Iva Burns, most ably presented a pleasing Christmas program at the school house on Christmas eve. Santa was there with a treat for all.

Mrs. Edd Lawler of Sheridan is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Hart

Truman Young and family spent Sunday at Bert Hart's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Spargur are visiting their son, Miles and family this week.

Harve Stone and family spent Christmas at John Hawk's. Other visitors were E. E. Stutesman and family and Calvin Hawk and family.

George and Gail Boyd and family, were shopping in Hopkins Wednesday.

Mrs. W. A. Wilson was hostess to the Consolidated Friendship Club on Thursday afternoon, with 10 members present and three visitors. A short program and opening of Christmas box featured the entertainment. Next meeting will be held in two weeks with Mrs. Logan. Refreshments were served and then the election of officers taken place. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lela Logan; vice-president, Mrs. Mollie Boyd; Secretary and treasurer, Stella Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ai Cline entertained with a Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spargur, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Logan and Dale Spargur.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morin and daughters, Alcah and Elizabeth spent Christmas afternoon at the home of Irvie Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hart and son, Dean, spent Christmas at the home of John Dinsmore, other visitors were Nick Buck of Ennis, Texas, a brother of Mrs. Dinsmore.

Merle Woods of Grant City sawed wood for Edd Herndon on Friday.

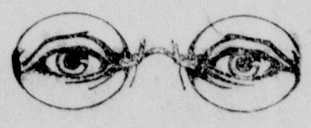
Miss Helen Faublon spent the holidays at the Payne home.

Mrs. Garnet Bunker is spending a few days with Mrs. Arthur Bunker.

Marriage License Issued.

A marriage license was issued this morning to Julius C. Echterling of Parnell and Marie R. Brown of Sheridan.

Dr. Baker



Will be in his office in Maryville, every Friday, Saturday and Monday. Office hours will be from 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 5 p. m., and at any time by appointment.

The Law's Delay

THE LAW'S DELAY.

By Glendy B. Arnold
Former Judge of St. Louis Circuit Court. (Issued by the Association for Constitution Amendments.)

To the Voters of Missouri: The "law's delay" is an old story, but you probably do not know that it now takes from three to six years to prosecute civil cases through the circuit courts to final judgments in the St. Louis Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court. It is not claimed that the delay is chargeable to the judges. It is due to antiquated procedure and lack of man-power in the higher courts. The gross injustice of this long delay falls heaviest upon those who are least able to endure it, and has brought the administration of justice into disgrace. It entails a serious loss in court business upon the lawyer and is a vicious weapon of defense in the hands of the rich and chronic defendants, too often enabling them to escape unwhipped of justice. This was one of the great problems that confronted the late Constitutional Convention.

That no convention could meet the situation satisfactorily to everybody must be conceded. Apparently the question of man-power was simple enough. This could be readily supplied by providing for more judges, but this seemingly easy remedy was only on the surface. It was known to the convention and to us all that the people of this state will not consent to any increase in the number of judges of the Supreme Court. Efforts have been made for twenty years to have the Legislature submit proposals to the people for an increase in the number of Supreme Court judges and only twice have they been successful. Its repeated refusal to submit the question to the voters throughout these long years is in itself strong evidence that neither the people nor the lawyers of the state are willing to add more judges to that court. That the Legislature correctly reflected the sentiment of the people cannot now be doubted. In 1908 an amendment to the constitution to add two judges to the Supreme Court was voted down by a majority of 28,868 votes, and in 1920 the proposition was again voted down by a majority of 53,240 votes. The Supreme Court of this state is now composed of seven judges and no other state has more. In the face of these facts was not the convention fully justified in refusing to resubmit the question? If they were, then some other way of supplying necessary man-power had to be devised.

Modeled on Federal System

The convention has proposed an excellent plan, which is not only economical, but practical, for it is patterned after modes found to be highly satisfactory after many years' experience. So far as the supply of man-power goes the best equipped appellate courts in the country are the United States Circuit Courts of Appeals. There are nine of them, each composed of three judges, and a very large proportion, if not most, of their cases are disposed of by the district judges, who are called to sit with the regular judges. The magnitude and financial importance of their business surpasses that of any state supreme court. In its supply of man-power it is an ideal system. It has been tested for more than thirty years and has won the admiration of the whole American bar. The convention has proposed the adoption of the federal system in this state, in the following section of Amendment No. 7: ,

The Judicial Council, when the business of the court requires, may call to the aid of the Supreme Court or any of the Courts of Appeals one or more judges of the circuit courts for such time as may be necessary. Such judges, while so acting, shall possess all of the powers of judges of the court in which they are called to sit. The council, when a sufficient number of such judges are called, may, for a period not exceeding ninety days, create an additional division of the Supreme Court or Courts of Appeals, but at least one regular judge of the Supreme Court or of the Courts of Appeals shall sit in such division.

There are sixty-eight circuit judges in this state and the number is constantly increasing. There is not the slightest doubt that a large number of these judges are not only available but eminently qualified, to sit a few days in each year in the supreme and appellate courts. Three of the present judges of the Supreme Court were circuit judges. The time has been when most of the judges of the court were former circuit judges. Six years on the circuit bench is an invaluable asset to a supreme judge. Many of the ablest judges of the Supreme Court have come from the circuit bench.

Under the proposed amendment every circuit judge in the state is eligible to sit as a judge of any of the courts of appeals and the Supreme Court. There will be no occasion in the near future to call them into the Courts of Appeals and this fact leaves them available for service in the Supreme Court. There are a large number of circuits in which the business is comparatively light and if the judges of those courts are not as well qualiffied to write opinions as others whose dockets are much heavier they could be shifted to the busier circuit courts while the judges of those courts are sitting in the Supreme Court. This is the practice in the federal system, and it has given great satisfaction.

How Courts Can Catch Up

After the Supreme Court has caught up with its docket, six circuit judges alone sitting three days in each year in that court, would dispose of sixty cases a year, and that would be ample to keep the court well abreast of its docket. There is not the slightest doubt that the plan of the convention offers an opportunity to obtain for the Supreme Court, in any one year, enough assistance from the circuit judges to equal the work of two regular divisions of the Supreme Court, if that should ever be necessary.

If Amendment No. 7 is adopted and the judicial council avails itself of its provisions, then the pending cases in the St. Louis Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court could be so reduced in number within the next year as to enable those courts to dispose of appeals at the return term. It will then be possible to get a decision from the court of last resort within three to six months from the date of the appeal. Keep that fact foremost in your minds when considering criticisms of the amendment. What lawyer is there who would not sacrifice his pride of opinion to hasten the coming of that great day when a Missouri citizen may prosecute a cast from the lowest to the highest court of the state and obtain a decision in less than one year?

Lawyers and laymen may as well make up their minds today that unless the plan proposed by the convention in Amendment No. 7 is adopted it will be many years before the present situation in the administration of justice can be remedied. This appalling condition demands serious consideration by us all. It is no time to argue over imaginary loss of prestige by the Supreme Court or the convention's disregard of the private opinions of its judges. The courts belong to the people and not to the judges or the lawyers. The point of view of the people is not always the same as that of the lawyers and judges. The people think that the end of government is justice and that they are entitled to have it worked out for them speedily and inexpensively, and they have delegated their judicial power to the courts for that purpose. The situation is serious and demands action. We cannot wait for others to act. We have waited too long already.

Start the New Year with Flowers. A box or basket of Engelmann's Fresh Cut Flowers with your New Year Greeting Card makes your Happy New Year ring with whole-hearted sentiment.

A choice selection of Fresh Cut Flowers and Blooming Plants, decorative materials, etc., for New Years.

ALFRED ENGELMANN, The Florist.

Phones 17. Greenhouses 1001 So. Main

Parnell

Willing Workers

Mrs. R. P. Nelson who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Broadbent of Parnell, returned to her home in Barnard, Wednesday.

Misses Bonnie, Bertha and Charlotte Ewart, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Parnell and vicinity, for a few days, returned to their home in St. Joseph Thursday.

A. J. Roof received a telegram from Englewood, Colo., stating that Miss Abbie Stewart died Tuesday night, and her sister, Miss Kate Stewart died Wednesday night, of a complication of diseases. A double funeral was held Friday. The ladies were sisters-in-law of Mr. Roof.

E. J. Klaas was a Conception visitor Thursday.

Enoch Wiltsie and family and Grandma Walters of Sheridan, are visiting Irvin Walters and family.

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B. A. Seyster and mother spent Thursday with Andrew Seyster of near Parnell.

Mrs. A. E. Coffman was a Conception visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Housten of Maryville were visiting Mrs. Housten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nelson of Parnell Friday.

Misses Lenna and Wanda Roof of Conception were visitors of Mrs. A. E. Coffman and daughter Wednesday and Thursday.

Ed Berg and family were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Berg Christmas day.

A. J. Seyster shipped out a carload of alfalfa hay Friday.

Miss Ellen Beatty returned Wednesday to Savannah after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Beatty. Viola and Neola Beatty accompanied her home for a short visit.

Little Bobby Conrad of St. Joseph came Wednesday for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. H. Day and H. C. Conrad and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold of Kansas City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Arnold a few days this week, returning home Wednesday.

Loan Value and Space Buying

Business concerns seeking credit at regular intervals submit detailed audits by disinterested public accountants. The banker making the loan demands it.

These audits instantly disclose the exact financial condition of the business. They show the true value of inventories and assets; costs of operation; profits and loss. Such an audit creates confidence and is considered a necessity in banking operations.

The A. B. C. audit serves a similar purpose in advertising. A publisher or his representative in selling space presents his latest A. B. C. report. This shows quantity, territory of distribution, methods by which circulation was secured, and many other details necessary for the intelligent purchase of advertising space.

A study of the A. B. C. audit brings out every detail of circulation data, and immediately establishes confidence between the Buyer and Seller of Space.

For publishers to sell and advertisers to buy on the basis of A. B. C. reports is nothing more than putting efficient Business Methods into Advertising.

Let The Democrat-Forum submit their latest A. B. C. report before you make your next advertising contract.

Write to The Audit Bureau of Circulations, 202 So. State St., Chicago, for a copy of "The Measure of Your Message."

The Right Way!

There's no better method of reaching the people than thru the Want Ads. Everybody reads them, for they are news to those who seek something and likewise news to those having something to sell.

Use the Want Ads more—for any purpose—and we are satisfied that you will be gratified by the results.

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These prices are for CASH with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all Want Ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

LEGAL FORMS FOR SALE—The following legal forms may be had at The Democrat-Forum office: Quit Claim Deed, House Leases, Deed of Trust, Chattle Mortgage with power of Sale, and General Warranty Deed.

FOR SALE—United States Royal Cords of all sizes. Malam Garage. Dec. 1-31

FOR SALE—A typewriter. R. L. McDougal. 20tf

At Johnsons
For cash will sell during Dec.
30x3½ Fisk Premier, Kelly Springfield or Firestone Fabric casings $9.50.
32x3½ Miller Fabric, $10.50.
33x4 Republic Fabric $13.50.
34x4 Republic Fabric, $14.00.
30x3½ Weed Chains, $4.00.
5 gal. Mobiloil at 85c per gal.
5 gal. Monomobile oil at 80c per gal.
Cup grease 20c, 9-volt 21 c. p. bulbs 30c. Walter E. Johnson, Pickering, Mo. 5tf

FOR SALE—Ford Coupe 1920 model battery starter. Fisher Battery Station. 16tf

SINGLE COMB Rhode Island Red Cockerels. Winners, strong in type, rich dark red. Mahood Strain direct, $3 to $5. Anna Ordnung, Savannah, Mo. D126-J25

FOR SALE—South Missouri stock ranch, at price and terms that will surprise those who can use it or might consider exchange for Maryville city property; for three weeks only. Chas. Hyslop. D12tf.

FOR SALE—All kinds of wood. Call Hanamo 4309. B. F. Mozingo. D18-J17*

FOR SALE

1923 Dodge Graham truck, 1½ ton. This truck is same as new; has run only 1800 miles.

Dodge coupe, 4 new cord tires; runs extra good.

1919 Dodge touring, price $185.00.

1915 Dodge touring, price $90.00.

1919 Dodge truck, a good buy, $475.00.

1918 Haynes touring, 5 good tires, new top and side curtains.

1918 Buick 5 passenger, extra good, new top, 5 good tires.

Buy your used car now; prices are much lower now than in the spring. Will give term to reliable parties.

ARNOLD-SILLERS MOTOR CO.
Dodge Brothers Sales and Service.
26-29

FOR SALE—Yearling Chester White boar. Glen Jones, Pickering phone. 27-29*

FOR SALE—A few choice Rhode Island R. Cockerels, $1.50. Call 2617 Skidmore. Mrs. F. I. Goslee. 27-2*

FOR SALE—Two good used Maytag electric washers, $25 and $30. Call Lowry Hardware Co. 28-31

FOR SALE—Baled alfalfa, 1st, 2nd and 3rd crops; 1st class barn hay. Elmer Fraser. 28-3

FOR SALE—120, and 60 acre improved farms, good terms, like paying rent. E. F. Wolfert. 28-3*

FURNITURE FOR SALE — four piece oak library set, oak settee, three hole Rapid fireless cooker, Bissel vacuum sweeper, Perfection oil heater. All in excellent condition. DeLuce South Methodist Flats. 28-31*

FOR SALE—S. C. White Leghorn robsters, $1.25 each. R. B. Cox, Jr., Graham. 29-11.

ROSECOMB R. I. R. cockerels. First and second prize winners at Poultry show. Mrs. Lawrence Frazee. 29-1*

FOR SALE—10 tons of good clover and timothy hay. A. H. Glines, Ravenwood phone. 28-29*

FOR SALE—car Dakota oats on Burlington track Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Bellows Bros. Han. 35. 28-31

FOR SALE—25 Chester White shoats, weight between 80 and 90 pounds. Jerry O'Connell, Farmers 212. 28-31*

Escape Follows Riot in Girls' Reformatory

Deleware, Ohio, Dec. 29—A check-up of the girls' industrial school, the state correction school here, revealed that two inmates were still at large following a riot in which more than 100 participated. The riot broke out late last night and bricks and stones were hurled at the officials by the inmates.

Babb Guests Leave.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Babb of Columbus, Neb., who have been spending Christmas week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Babb, went to Red Oak, Ia., today to visit Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burris and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baird, en route to their home.

Wilcox Lodge to Meet

The Rebekah Lodge of Wilcox will have installation of oficers and initiation of new members at Wilcox Hall next Friday. Refreshments of sandwiches, pie and coffee will be served.

Trustee's Sale Today.

Two tracts of land, bearing mortgages from John G. Musick, were sold at a trustee's sale this afternoon by James B. Robinson to John G. Musick and wife. The sale price was the sum total of the leins, $8,365.76.

Miss Alice Peery, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Peery, will return to Trenton tomorrow where she is a member of the high school faculty.

Miss Mary E. Wallace, who is teaching in Bristow, Okla., is visiting Miss Mary Lewis for a few days.

Special duck dinner at the Linville Hotel Sunday.

MARKET REPORTS

Chicago, Dec. 29.—CATTLE — Receipts, 1100.
HOGS—Receipts, 10,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—HOGS—Receipts, 8,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 300.

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—CATTLE — Receipts, 400.
HOGS—Receipts, 5,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 500.

St. Joseph, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 125.
HOGS—Receipts, 7,000; top, $6.90; 5c higher.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,200.

Todays Market

Leghorn springs per lb.	10c
Springs per lb.	13c
Ducks and Geese per lb.	12c
Turkeys per lb.	20c
Eggs per dozen	28c
Cream, per lb.	49c
Hens per lb.	14c
Light hens per lb.	11c
Cox per lb.	6c

MISCELLANEOUS

BARBERING PAYS—Easily taken up. Jobs waiting. Open to you. Write. Moler Barber College, 544 Main, Kansas City. 28-4*

LOST—woman's kid glove for left hand, between Empire Theatre and Townsend grocery store. Notify this office. 29-1

LOST—Pair ladies' brown gauntlet gloves. Please leave at this office. 28-31*

WANTED—to buy timothy hay, alfalfa and oats. Glover & Alexander. 28-31

FOUND—Horse cover in south end of town. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for ad. 29*

ROOMS and Garage for rent, close to high school. 422 S. Vine st. 29*

WANT TO hear from owner having farm for sale; give particulars and lowest price. John J. Black Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. 29-31*

WANTED—House work in private home. Write or call Eva Eckles, Superior Hotel, Shenandoah, Ia. 28-29*

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished rooms. 414 West Second. 27-29*

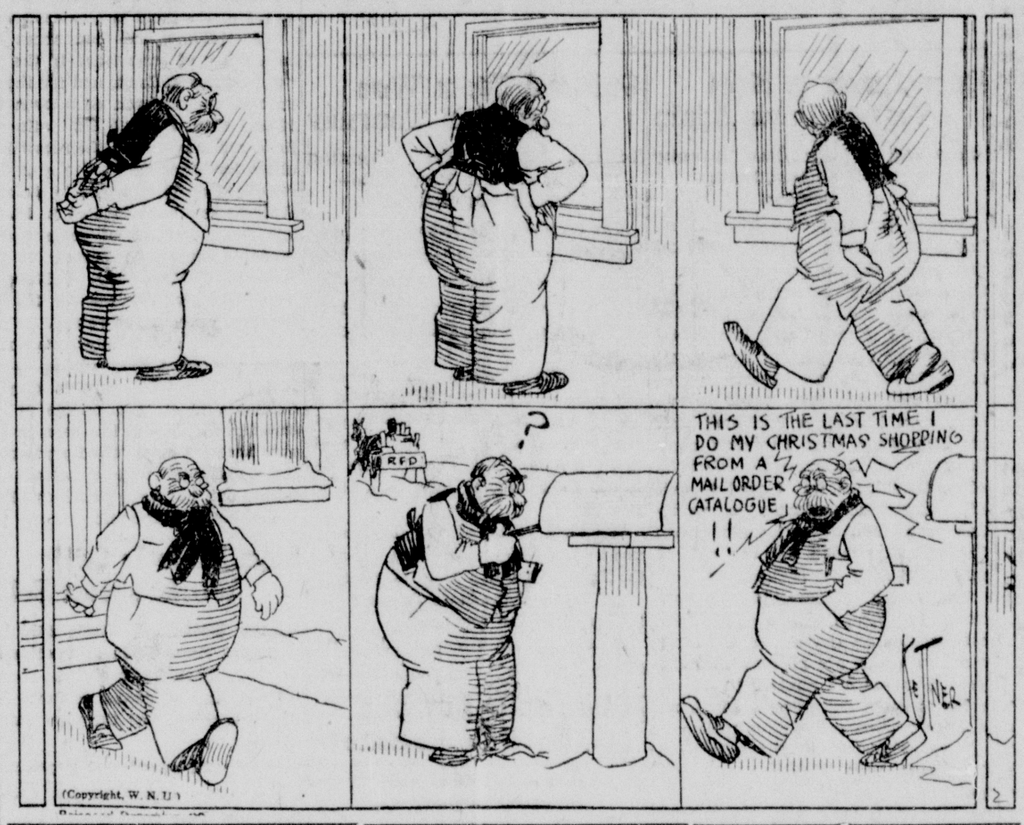
WANTED—100 horses weighing 1300 to 1800. Phone me. Will call and see them. Hanamo 31, Farmers 161. Jim Andy Ford. D19-tf

LOST—Maytag wringer on road between Sheridan and Maryville, Thursday afternoon. Reward. Lowry Hardware Co. 21tf

WANTED—Clean rags, free from lint. Pieces, no scraps. Bring them to the Democrat-Forum office. 24tf

FOR SALE—Baby chicks. Are now taking orders. Place your order early. Most all varieties. 100 per cent delivery. $14 per 100 delivered. Half down with orders. Groves Hatchery, R. 4 Skidmore, Phone through Graham. 14tf

Our Pet Peeve



News From Over The County

SKIDMORE NEWS.

A bridge gang is at work on the bridge south of Skidmore across the drainage ditch, this week. The steel bridge will be about 165 feet long and will be 20 feet above the low water mark. The temporary bridge is still in so that travel will not be hindered.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Rolofson and children returned to their home in Lincoln, Nebr., Wednesday after attending the funeral of Mrs. Rolofson's father, Samuel Knepper. F. S. Knepper of Parks, Kansas, accompanied theim in their car as far as Lincoln.

CLEARMONT NEWS.

N. C. LeGrand sends us word to send his paper to Petaluma, Cal., and has the following to say: "Having fine summer weather here; traveling cheap on 8c gas and 15c motor oil; fine boulevards. On our way home from Long Beach last evening the cars were six deep for 7 miles."

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Wiley enjoyed Christmas day immensely from the fact that all their children were home on that day; F. L. Wiley, wife and daughter from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, J. W. Wiley of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Poleson and son Wiley.

J. T. Kent died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Farmer, at Queen City, Mo., last Saturday morning, at the age 71 years, 11 months and 28 days.

The remains were brought to Clearmont Sunday and were taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. S. Wilson, where they remained until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, when they were taken to the Methodist church, where funeral services were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. Ingram. Interment was in the Clearmont cemetery.

Of late years he has made his home among his children and with Levi Wallace of near Maryville, Mo.

The deceased had lived in this vicinity for 14 years and was known by most of the people.

BURLINGTON JUNCTION POST.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolfers and son, Charles Vincent of Maryville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wolfers and daughter Margaret of Pickering, Mary and Elizabeth Wolfers spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Corken.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coile of Oskaloosa, Iowa came Tuesday to visit during the holidays with Mrs. Coile's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Yaple.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs Oscar Eggers Christmas morning.

ELMO REGISTER.

Mrs. A. E. Robbins of Sparks, Nevada, passed through Elmo recently on her way to St. Louis. She stopped here a day to visit relatives, the J. J. Russell family. She is a sister of the late Stephen J. Russell, and the last surviving member of the family.

The Adkin Grain Co. shipped out a load of hay to the St. Louis markets Monday. The hay belonged to J. H. Goodwin, who has two crops of fine hay on hand.

HOPKINS JOURNAL.

Fred Herbert is the new owner of the old Martin & Bowman building on Barnard street and if present plans do not fail, a new building is to take the place of the old wooden structure. It will be a two story building up-to-date in every respect. The first floor will be built and occupied by Mr. Herbert as a drug store and the upper room by the Odd Fellows lodge, the room adjoining and being an addition to the present quarters belonging to this organization—the two rooms to be connected by a large arch.

Miss Pauline Davis, a teacher in the Hopkins public schools, went to her home in Green Ridge, Mo., for the Christmas vacation as a "Miss," but will return a "Mrs.," having been married to Robert Eaton Sunday. Mrs. Eaton will return to Hopkins to complete her school term.

Mrs. Maurice Wolfers returned to Savannah Sunday morning after a few days visit in Hopkins. She and little Jane Abbot leave Jan. 8, for San Francisco, California, where Maurice is now in business and where the family expect to make their future home. Robert Wolfers is also in San Francisco and the boys both like the west and are making a big success financially.

Mrs. Edna Robb Sykes, of American Falls, Idaho, is expected here New Years day to make a visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L Robb.

RAVENWOOD GAZETTE.

Rube Swain left Sunday for Rochester, Minn., where he will take medical treatment at the Mayo hospital.

THE VALUE OF SAVING

"Save surely, steadily and wisely, so as to be able to spend judiciously in a time of need which will probably be greater than that of the present."

We welcome new accounts of One Dollar or more. We have a Bank Book waiting for you.

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Maryville, Mo.

MARK TWAIN'S ANSWER

Mark Twain in his early days was editor of a Mississippi newspaper. A superstitious subscriber wrote him, saying that he had found a spider in his paper, and asked whether that was a sign of good or bad luck. The humorist wrote this answer and printed it:

"Old Subscriber: Finding a spider in your paper was neither good nor bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant is not advertising, so that he can go to that store, spin his web across the door, and live a life of undisturbed peace ever afterwards."

Administrator's Sale

I will, as administrator of the Clara E. Buck estate, sell at her late residence, 316 E. Edward Street, Maryville, Mo., on MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1924—Starting at 2 o'Clock—A complete lot of household goods, consisting of beds, chairs, rugs, tables, dressers, and many other articles of the property of said estate.

W. C. Pierce
ADMINISTRATOR.

R. P. Hosmer, Auct.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bandel of South Bend, Ind., who was called to St. Joseph, Mo., on account of the serious illness of Mr. Bandels mother are visiting at the home of Mrs. Bandels parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Goodwin.

Allen Doll and family of Taiban, New Mex., arrived here Thursday and visited until Friday with Mrs. Doll's brother, W. A. Conn and family.

Train No. 5, which has been due to leave Ravenwood at 3:09 p. m., now leaves at 3:02, seven minutes earlier.

Ralph Kessler is now owner of the Ravenwood Dray Line, having purchased the interest of his partner, Herman Womack, last Monday.

Fifty Years Ago

(Taken from the Nodaway Democrat, December 25, 1873.)

Holt County recently shipped to St. Joseph in one lot, 1,128 hogs of an average weight of 442 pounds, and now want to see some other county beat it.

Thirteen thousand partridges arrived in St. Joseph in a single lot. They were brought in after a two day's hunt.

The Grangers of Grundy County are preparing to build a mill to make flour for all of the farmers in the county.

Extensive preparations have been made for the grand Christmas eve ball at Union Hall, under the management of Maryville and Nodaway lodges with the prospect of a general good time.

On next Saturday, (St. John's Day), a grand Masonic ball will be held at Union Hall, under the management of Maryville and Nodaway lodges. Every needed arrangement for comfort and enjoyment will be made.

On Monday last, about 4 cents seemed to be the ruling price for hogs, and we hardly believe they will be lower this season—at least, we hope not.

On the 18th inst. the Nodaway Council, Patrons of Husbandry, elected the following delegates to attend the district council to be held at St. Joseph on the 23rd inst: Soloman Sheil, Joseph Updegraff, W. T. Garrett, John Herren and A. Royal.

The appointment of H. H. Geiger as postmaster at this place was confirmed by the United tSates Senate on Thursday last, and now he is a full-fledged postmaster. "Tip" is a good, clever fellow, a good business man, and we believe will give satisfaction.

Corn is up to a pretty good price now, selling on the streets from 36 to 38 cents a bushel in the last day or two.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Prof. C. M. Lieb, superintendent of the Maryville public schools, has resigned the position to accept a better paying one at Paducah, Kentucky, and the school board have advanced Prof. C. A. Hawkins to the position held by Mr. Lieb. The school board has employed Prof. Fred W. Urban, who has been superintendent of the King City, Missouri, high schools the past two years, to take the place of Prof. Hawkins.

Maryville merchants express themselves as having enjoyed a good business during the years just closed.

T. K. Wray, collector, received yesterday $7600 in taxes. This is the largest amount ever received in one day.

Harry Kerr is to go on the road January first for the J. C. Denham Saddlery Company of this city. He has been in the employ of the Fordyce and Price Furniture store.

Elmer Holt, son of L. R. Holt, left the first of the week for Denver, Colo., and will attend school there.

J. E. O'Neal and family, southwest of town, are going to move to Maryville. He has purchased property of John Herren, 306 South Market street.

The county commission is preparing all the exhibits of corn, grasses, and everything for shipments to be made between now and Jan. 15. The commission has bought some 3000 ears of corn, in addition to the quantity exhibited at the county institute, and wants to buy 3000 more ears of corn.

KALIS' LAXATIVE
"FLU-CAPS"
For Colds, Grip and Influenza
25c A Box At Your Druggists
Gaugh & Evans.

HOW'S THIS?

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves the catarrhal inflammation, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus assisting to restore normal conditions.

Sold by druggists for over 40 Years.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

For Sale

1922 Model Ford Coupe. Excellent condition. Call at 627 W. 2nd St.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL NOTES

Those admitted to the hospital during the last week were Miss Violet Gann, Maryville; John Costello, Maryville; Claude Eichoit, Conception; Kenaard Maier, Maryville; Miss Gladys Bookman, Maryville; Mrs. Paul Basford, Maryville; Mrs. A. M. Smith, Conception Junction; Mrs. W. H. Burr, Maryville; Mrs. B. H. Donahue, Quitman; Mrs. Elizabeth Sowers, Hopkins Master Louis Richard, Maryville; Master Preston Wallace, Clearmont; Otis Baker, Clearmont; Mrs. Wayman Watson, Ideal, S. Dak.; Miss Mildred Bailey, Bedford, Ia.

Those dismissed were T. Marsh, Stanberry; Tom A. Clark, Maryville; Master Lester Swaney, Pickering; A. T. Clark, Clarinda, Ia.; Mrs. M. R. Pangburn and infant daughter, Pattonsburg; Mrs. Orville Vert and infant daughter, Maryville; Miss Violet Gann, Maryville; Mrs. Fern Arnold, Grant City; Mrs. Martin Lewis and infant son, Maryville; Mrs. Paul Basford, Maryville, and Master Louis Rickard, Maryville.

OBITUARY.

Francis Marion Kinsella was born at Camp Point, Ill., February 9, 1859, and died December 26, 1923, at the home of his son, J. A. Kinsella, in Des Moines, Ia., aged 65 years, 10 months, and 17 days. He came to Nodaway county at the age of 19, and lived in and near Maryville until about ten years ago when he and his wife moved to Des Moines. He leaves to mourn his wife, Mrs. Emma Kinsella, one son, J. A. Kinsella, and two brothers, Henry Kinsella of New Cambria, Mo., and J. J. Kinsella of Clayton, Ill., and one sister, Mrs. Albert Akers of Camp Point, Ill. He united with the Maryville Christian Church under the pastorate of Brother Corey, and always tried to be loyal to his faith. "He was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith."

FAIRVIEW ITEMS

B. M. Willson and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson.

Margaret, Margie, George and Claudene Wohlford, Katherine Campbell, Hazel Warren, Grace Maffitt and Edith Rogers visited our school this week.

J. S. Perkins is on the sick list.

Mrs. Caroline Willson and daughter, Mattie spent Christmas day visiting friends in Bolckow.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jobe and family spent Christmas day with J. R. Campbell and family.

Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Hilsabeck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Phelps and family, spent Christmas at the home of H. W. Hilsabeck.

H. W. Hilsabeck and Frank Dougan butchered hogs Thursday.

B. M. Willson, R. B. Willson, Lee Rasco and Frank Maffitt shipped a mixed load of stock to St. Joseph, Thursday.

Ray Purviance spent Saturday and Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. John Smith of Graham.

William Maffitt spent Thursday night with Glen Rasco.

George Wohlford butchered hogs Friday.

Walter Dougan and family, Frank Dougan and Ray Purviance spent Friday with Mrs. Chas. Dougan. The men are cutting wood for Mrs. Dougan.

Warren Phelps and family spent Tuesday evening with Grandma Icke.

Mrs. Wm. Rogers and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Frank Maffitt.

Mrs. John Warren is on the sick list.

Mrs. Irvin Brown and children of Savannah are visiting at the home of Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. John Stanton, on East Second street, arriving in Maryville last night.

Special duck dinner at the Linville Hotel Sunday.

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Sol Sample and His New Leaf

By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD

Store Clerk Became a Hero by Protecting His Employer's Safe From Robber

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Drew Promotion, Admitted to the Firm—His Leaf of Gold

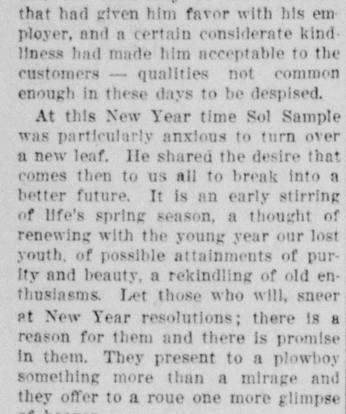
HE LOOKED like a farm chunk. With his red hair, growing low upon his forehead, his pale and watery eyes, his ungainly figure and awkward manner, and his slow speech, he did not seem billed for a successful life, and he caused many to wonder why the old man numbered him among the salesmen in his fashionable store. His name had shrunk from Solomon to Sol, as an indication, perhaps, that the full name was too large a program for him, while his surname suggested that he was but a small part of what he desired to be.

This suggestion was based upon fact, for there was in Sol a dissatisfaction with himself that gave promise of improvement, an ambition that set before him a goal farther on and higher up than his smarter associates had purposed. Beneath his red thatch and behind his unattractiveness Sol had a conscience, a heart and a most determined will. It was the honesty and the reliability of his character that had given him favor with his employer, and a certain considerate kindliness had made him acceptable to the customers — qualities not common enough in these days to be despised.

At this New Year time Sol Sample was particularly anxious to turn over a new leaf. He shared the desire that comes then to us all to break into a better future. It is an early stirring of life's spring season, a thought of renewing with the young year our lost youth, of possible attainments of purity and beauty, a rekindling of old enthusiasms. Let those who will, sneer at New Year resolutions; there is a reason for them and there is promise in them. They present to a plowboy something more than a mirage and they offer to a roue one more glimpse of heaven.

But Sol hardly knew what to write upon the blank page after he had turned it. There seemed to him to be no better course than to plod through another three hundred and sixty-five days as faithfully as he might know how, which was, after all, about as good a prospect as anyone could have had.

Sol's puzzle, however, was solved for him by others and in a most unexpected manner, as is the case with so many puzzles. In his makeup he had taken the first nose that turned up and now he made the best possible



He Was Marched Into the Little Office.

use of the first event that gave him opportunity. It came about in this way:

After the holiday rush he had been left one evening to close the store. He had put things to rights and closed the safe upon the proceeds of the day's business and was about to extinguish the last light when he became conscious that he was not alone in the place. The next moment he felt the pressure of a revolver barrel upon his side and heard a firm, hard voice instruct him to hold up his hands.

As his next experience he was marched into the little office and urged to open the safe. As he spun the knob that controlled the combination he made a rapid survey of his resources with his mind while he still fumbled with the numbers of the lock. He could think of nothing worth trying until there flashed upon him the memory of a certain trick by which he had once overthrown his adversary in a wrestling match. He still had the muscle of an athlete and the short stairway up to the desk favored his plan. With a lightning-like movement he displaced the weapon and sent his captor backwards down the stairs. Whirling to defend himself he was surprised to find no further attack from the robber and upon examination he found that with a broken neck the thief had lost all power to do further mischief.

Sol thus became quite the neighborhood hero. People began to put a new estimation upon him. He was promoted to a position in the factory, the output of which the store had been handling. From that, sterling business qualities carried him to a partnership. Today his name is upon the sign that advertises the business, and there in full. Solomon Sample is likely to become the whole piece. All because he discovered himself and was found in the emergency that called for a real man. So it proved that Sol's new leaf was a gold leaf.

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Society

Fudge Party

Miss Leola Miller gave a fudge party last night at her home on West First street. Games and music were other features of the evening. The guests were Misses Ruth Bush, Kathryn Chandler, Lucile Snyder, and Morris Chick, Oren Masters, Jarvis Bush and Forterfield Cockayne.

Birthday Dinner.

The employees of the Economy store gave a 6 o'clock dinner last evening at the home of Mrs. Pearl Miller on South Main street in honor of the birthday anniversary of L. L. Manny, who is managing the closing out sale now in progress. Following the dinner the party attended the picture show at the Empire Theater.

Surprise Mr. Sturm.

A surprise party was given last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sturm, 708 East First street, to observe the sixtieth birthday of Mr. Sturm. Games and music were the entertaining features and refreshments were served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sturm and Mrs. Hazel Sturm.

Birthday Dinner

A dinner party will be given tomorrow at the home of Mrs. George Epperson on West Eleventh street in observance of her eighty-fourth birthday which occurs January 10. The company will include, besides the honoree, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Epperson and children, Laveta, Merrill, Marvin and George, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright and daughters, Lillian and Beverly Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Vert and daughters, Mary Margaret and Betty Lou, G. L. Epperson and son, Charles, of Ault, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hutchison, Virginia and Harrison Hall Mutz, and Miss Ethel Epperson.

Miss Forsyth Entertains

Miss Edwyna Forsyth entertained with a line party Thursday night at the Empire Theater when her guests included Misses Kathryn Chandler, Leola Miller, Frances Reums, iVrginia Tulloch, Virginia Curnutt, Lucile Snyder and Ruth Bush. Following the show refreshments were served at the Maryville Drug store. The party later returned to the Forsyth home where a radio concert and a slumber party were enjoyed.

Mary Anna Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Burch of Clearmont announce the birth of a daughter, born yesterday, who has been given the name of Mary Anna.

Miss Lela Mae Ulmer, who spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Ulmer of Hopkins, has returned to East Prairie, Mo., where she teaches.

Miss Alsamene King will return to Lincoln, Nebr., Monday to resume her studies at the University of Nebraska after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. King.

Mrs. J. B. Robinson and son, Chilton, and Miss Virginia Robinson motored to New Market, Ia., this morning for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carter and son, Oliver, who have been spending Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Swinford and sister, Mrs. Claude Shell and family of Wilcox, and Paul Swinford and family of Burlington Junction, left for their home at Hamburg, Ia., Thursday.

INNOVATION IN SYDNEY

Above is shown the first Ferro-concrete apartment house in Australia, located in Macquarie street, Sydney, which was recently opened by Premier George Fuller. There are 52 co-operative apartments in the building.

ECONOMY MERCANTILE COMPANY CLOSES ITS DOORS TONIGHT.

The Economy Mercantile Company closes its doors tonight to prepare for the last drive of its big closing out sale.

SPORTS

Barackman to Meet Vernon Davis Again

Match Will Be Staged Next Thursday Night—Each Man Holds One Decision

Vernon Davis of Glen Elder, Kan., has been matched to meet the local mat artist, Mervin Barackman, in a finish match on January 3. The agreement was reached last night when Barackman offered Davis his choice of any night he desired and would meet him on his own terms.

The men have met twice before, each man holding a decision over his competitor. Last Thursday night Davis won the referee's decision when Barackman was forced to quit after twenty-six minutes of wrestling on account of an injured elbow. Last fall Barackman won two out of three falls from the Kansas boy.

The match on Thursday of next week promises to be one of the fastest matches on the winter wrestling card. Both men are popular with the local fans and are anxious to win in order to settle the dispute which results in each man having a decision.

Davis will stay in Maryville until the match next Thursday and will make his training headquarters at the Elks Club. He will work out daily with a training partner and predicts that he will be in the best of condition.

Barackman will work out at the Maryville Athletic Club over McMurry's garage with Blonde Chick and H. B. Welsh, his training partners.

Should Barackman win this match he states that he would be ready to meet Adam Kreiger, the American Legion wrestler. Blonde Chick will meet Kreiger at Clarinda tonight.

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Guilford Team Won Conception Tourney

Defeated Parnell Boys' Basketball Team 21 to 11 in Final Game—Five Teams Entered.

The Guilford High School boys' basketball team won the tournament held at Conception Junction yesterday afternoon. Five teams entered the tourney, Ravenwood failed to put in their appearance.

In the first round Guilford defeated the Barnard team by a score of 25 to 6. Guilford then played the Conception Junction team and won by a 47 to 20 margin. The Parnell boys defeated the Stanberry team in a 20 to 10 game.

The final round of the tournament was held last night. Guilford defeated the Parnell boys in a 21 to 11 game.

Ira Young of the State Teachers College refereed the tournament.

A large crowd attended all of the games.

Miller Sells Lumber Yard At Skidmore

Dr. C. H. Wallace, E. C. McClurg and Miss Pearl McClurg the Buyers

(Skidmore News)

One of the largest deals that has been made in Skidmore for some time was when J. O. Miller recently sold his lumber yards to Dr. C. H. Wallace, E. C. McClurg and sister, Miss Pearl McClurg. The trade takes in the lumber yard here and all land north of High street, and the small dwelling house just east of where Mr. Miller now lives, and the yard at Quitman. The new firm will be known as the Wallace & McClurg Lumber Co.

Invoicing of the yards started last Wednesday morning at Quitman and will probably be completed here today. Miss McClurg of St. Joseph came Tuesday evening and is assisting in the invoicing and Fred Edwards of Maitland is also assisting.

Mr. McClurg has had about thirteen years of experience in the lumber business in Iowa, and for the last year or so has been on a farm near Mound City. He and his wife and little son moved into their new home about ten days ago and a glad hand of fellowship is extended to them. Dr. Wallace has been located in St. Joseph for a number of years and is probably known by several of this community. Miss Pearl McClurg has been with Dr. Wallace for the past fourteen years as secretary.

Mr. Miller and family have not decided just what they will do in the future. They will probably stay in Skidmore until the middle of the summer. Mr. Miller has been in business here for about twenty years and the community regrets seeing him selling out, but hope that he will find something in Skidmore.

Says Bible Is Still World's Best Seller

Baptist Minister Declares Fire and Sword Have Tried to Eradicate Book From World.

From the argument of Rev. John Roach Straton, of Calvary Baptist Church:

"Fire and sword and persecution and war have done their best to eradicate this book from among men and to prevent its circulation, but like the burning bush of Moses, while burning it has remained still unconsumed.

"It is said that in one century 150,000 persons were butchered to death for reading the Bible. The jailor's key, the headman's axe, the rope of the gallows, the fagot of the bigot, the powder of the poisoner, the dagger of the assassin have all combined to annihiliate the Bible, but despite all opposition it has come forward serenely on its victorious career.

"The Bible is still the world's best seller.' Its ciruclation is now more than 250,000,000 copies actually in existence.

"I would point out the fact that while there is scarcely a scientific textbook that is ten years old that is not already out of date, the Bible after these thousands of years is still doing business at the same old stand.

"It is not too monstrous to suppose that a maze of myths, or a cunningly devised tissue of lies, errors and superstitions could have gripped the human race. And from God's side, assuming that there is a living God, is not the thought that he would allow the Bible to continue to flourish if it is a fake, obsurd upon the very face of it?"

Extracts from the address of the Rev. Charles Francis Potter, S. T. M., of the West Side Unitarian Church:

"Let me direct your attention to several passages in the Bible, I hope you and the judges will make a note of these references, and you can look them up in whatever version you think is the verebally inspired infallible word of God.

"Ex. 22:18—God said: 'Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. Very few in this audience would, if on a jury, sentence to death any woman charged with witchcraft no matter what the evidence, and yet on this supposed command of God, and because of the idea that the Bible is the infallible word of God, thousands of innocent women have been tortured and killed by religious fanatical liberalists. This one verse alone proves my contention.

"Deut. 21: 18-21: Here is a command to stone to death disobedient children, without trial, on the accusation of their parents. If the parents of New York obeyed this tomorrow, think of what it would mean. For one thing the parents would be arrested for murder, and rightly.

"Remember that the Old Testament was written in Hebrew, which was translated into Greek and then into English. Remember that Jesus spoke in Aramaic, which was translated into Greek and Latin, and those in turn into English. This, you see, necessitates infallible translators, and if you think translators are infallible you have only to compare the different versions of the Bible."

ELECTRIC THEATRE

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MONDAY, Dec. 31—William Duncan and Edith Johnson in "**STEEL TRAIL.**" Episode 4. Also a two reel western—Jack Dougherty in "**TRUE GOLD**" and a two reel comery, "**IMPERFECT LOVER.**" Two matinees 2:30 and 4:10—10c and 22c. Night 7:30 and 9:00—10c and 22c.

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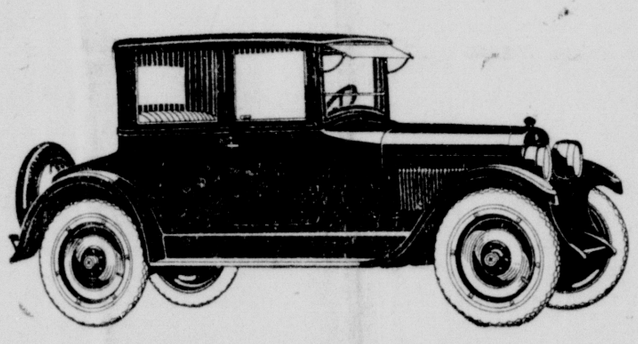

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